



LYTHAM TENNIS CLUB
CHURCH ROAD LYTHAM FY8 5QD

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Coach's Newsletter and Welcome to the 2020/21 season

Presentation Evening

We held the junior presentation evening after last years junior tournament, it went really well lots turned up, awards were handed out for all the seasons achievements and competitions. It was a rush starting it because we were late finishing off the tournament.

Tennis Leaders

It's great to know I have Tennis Leaders helping me with the group coaching sessions, they will gain lots of experience by doing this each week. The Tennis Leaders are, Oliver Knowles, Roan Zacharias, Alicia Iredale, Maurice Noblett, Jan Martinovsky, James Jeffers, Ces Thomas, Minnie Robertson, Leah Brown, Diane Brown and Paul Noblett. We will be adding some more tennis leaders to the group soon.

Also, Oliver Knowles, Roan Zacharias and Matthew Sanderson are taking their tennis assistant coach awards, this is the first step towards getting their coaching qualification, well done and good luck lads!

Thank You

Thank you to some of the parents who help with the younger junior group coaching. Special thanks to Julie Knowles, Ben Haworth, Alan and Helen Holmes, Michael Illingworth, Zolt Biro, Paul Noblett, Diane Brown and Tim Igoe.

Big thanks to the junior parent captains Julie Knowles, Sarika Passi, Diane Brown, Paul Noblett, Pauline Jeffers, Richard Jackson and Myles Westcott.

I would like to say thank you to Frank Murphy, Bernard Crosby and the Committee in general, I know I can rely on them for any assistance if needed. Paul Noblett deserves a big thanks for the certificates and advertising he has done for fun day, tournaments etc.. Paul's doing really well with his own tennis game too, his technique, shots and general understanding of tennis has improved a great deal.

Tennis Clinic

Something new for Spring/Summer time, I am going to run a morning tennis clinic to go through all the different shots. Maybe once a month I will be spending a couple of hours on one particular shot, e.g. the serve going through technique, grips and why it's so important in the tennis game. This is for adults only and will be running them during a week day.

Tennis Camps

I held a mini tennis camp in October half term which was promising in numbers. I had roughly 10 children a day attending, considering the time of year and the weather and with a large number of juniors on holiday I thought was pretty good!

The tennis camps are Monday-Friday 9.30am till 3pm.

I cover everything to do with tennis over the 5 days, e.g. topspin, slice, tactics, techniques, different shots etc.. We also play fun games and competitive matches.

Junior Christmas Party

The Christmas Party was a success, we had 15-20 children. I delivered a fun tennis session for the younger junior players and we played a variety of fun tennis games, which they enjoyed. Paul Noblett and his wife were a great help in the kitchen preparing a nice buffet for the children after the tennis, we also played Christmas games, like pass the parcel etc and prizes were won.

Senior Handicap Tournament

Well Done to Kyle Hendry for winning most improved player for the year and winning all 3 handicap finals including Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles in the same afternoon. I heard he played football in the morning too, very good fitness!

Indoor Court

Great news that we potentially have 2 indoor courts for next winter, it will be great for everyone at the club. People who play at all the local clubs around the area have been talking about an indoor on the Fylde Coast for years and now we shall have it on our doorstep!

Fundraising

We have had a few fundraising events before Christmas, the first one was a Sunday in September on Junior Tournament Day. The second was in November, it was a Neon Tennis Event, the idea was great and made a decent amount of money, but honestly the Neon Tennis on the court we need to have the better equipment if we are going to run it again!

If you're interested in Lytham Tennis Club clothing i.e. t-shirts, hoodies etc the order form is on the club website with all profits going towards the club development.

2020 Team Entries

This season we have entered two 2 Boys U17 teams, one will be in the 1st Division and the other in the 2nd Division, one Boys and Girls Mixed U14 team and one Girls U17 team for the Fylde League. This will provide more juniors the chance of playing more matches, gaining more match experience and having the opportunity to represent Lytham Tennis Club.

We have entered Lytham in the LTA Lancashire Team Tennis competition, one Boys U14's team and two Girls teams for U14s, U16's and U9s, U10s for our Mini Tennis players. This provides our younger players the opportunity to start playing competitive matches.

The Winter LTA Lancashire Team Tennis matches have been ongoing, we haven't played loads but the ones we have played have been a great experience for our players and we've had some decent wins too. (teams entered are U8's, U9's, U10's and U16's)

Well done for all the players that played in the junior teams and represented Lytham Tennis Club over the last year.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sebastian Pomroy for winning the most Improved Junior for U10's. Maurice Noblett was the Club Junior of the year and Oliver Clarke won the Coach's Award.

Also, we've entered the Road to Wimbledon tournament, which is for juniors aged 10-14 years. (Further details see page 3)

Congratulations to last years winners Harry Jackson and Laura Knowles and runner's up James Jeffers and Minnie Robertson.

General News

I will be running club junior tournaments for all age groups and abilities over a few weekends during the Summer months.

The website has all the latest news for coaching and other various information.

I am hoping to be able to come and support as many junior team matches as I can (and maybe even some senior matches) and play a few matches for the senior team myself!

Here's to another successful season!



Membership for 2020

Please apply and pay subscriptions by the end of March 2020 using the form on the Membership page in the juniors section of the lythamtennisclub.com website.

Junior Coaching

If you are interested in groups or individual coaching please contact Greg, 07738495914. Julie Knowles is the Junior Parent Representative and can be contacted via the club website.

Juniors Only Court

During the summer season 2 or 3 of the all-weather courts are reserved for Junior Team Coaching on Monday evenings between 4.30pm and 7.30pm.

Two to 3 courts are also reserved for junior teams to play their matches on Saturdays from 5.00pm to 7.30pm and on Sundays from 10.00am – 1.00pm and 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

With effect from 26 April, all-weather courts 5 and 6 will be reserved on Sunday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm for junior play and juniors must take priority.

Mini Tennis & Full Ball Junior Tournaments

The Mini Tennis Red and Orange Tournaments will take place on Sunday 5th July and the Mini Tennis Green tournament is scheduled for Sunday 12th July. The U12s, U14s and U16s will take place on Saturday 5th & 6th September.

To enter the mini tennis and junior tournaments, you are required to sign up by writing your name on the lists in the cricket pavilion or letting Greg know, you have to be a full junior member to be eligible to enter.

Tennis School Dates 2020

I will be running spring and summer tennis camps for ages 4 to 16, with an emphasis on fun and development from 9.30am-3pm or stated otherwise;

Date	Tennis School	Junior Category	Age	Cost
Mon 6 th April – Thurs 9 th April	Easter	Mini Tennis	6/7-10	£20 day £80 week
Tues 25 th May – Fri 29 th May	Spring	Full Ball Beginner/Advanced/Mini Green	11+	£20 day £95 week
Mon 27 th July – Fri 31 st July 10-12 (AM only)	Summer 1	Tiny Tots Tennis	4-6	£12 day £60 week
Mon 27 th July – Fri 31 st July 12.30-3 (pm only)	Summer 1	Team Training (Team Players)	11+	£12.50 day £62.50 week

Mon 3 rd Aug – Fri 7 th Aug	Summer 2	Full Ball Beginner/Advanced/Mini Green	11+	£20 day £95 week
Mon 10 th Aug – Fri 14 th Aug	Summer 3	Mini Tennis	6/7-10	£20 day £95 week
Mon 17 th Aug – Fri 21 st Aug	Summer 4	Mini Tennis	6/7-10	£20 day £95 week
Mon 24 th Aug – Thurs 27 th Aug	Summer 5	Full Ball Beginner & Advanced	11+	£20 day £80 week
Mon 26 th Oct – Fri 30 th Oct	Autumn	Mini Tennis	6/7-10	£20 day £95 week

Road to Wimbledon – March to May 2020

The Road to Wimbledon is for juniors aged 14 years old and under. The singles final is scheduled for Sunday 3rd May. Entry forms for this competition are available on the club website and in the clubhouse. All matches must be completed by Friday 1st May.

British Tennis Membership

All junior members can become a British Tennis Member and all match results will help to increase LTA ratings, which is a number to show how many matches you are playing and winning. You just log in on the LTA.org website and it is easy to join and it is free!

Juniors Team Players Join in with Seniors

All first team juniors can join in with the senior team players. Ask Greg or the Men's/Ladies Team Captains for details.

Christmas Party and Fun!!! – December

Next year's party and fun afternoon is planned for Saturday 5th December.

2020 Coaching Dates & Junior Events for Your Diary

Some dates are to be confirmed (TBC)

Wed 11 th March	Road to Wimbledon 14U Deadline for Entry
Mon 6 th April – Thurs 9 th April	Easter School – Mini Tennis
Fri 1 st May	All Road to Wimbledon matches to be played by
Sun 3 rd May	Road to Wimbledon 14 and Under Final
Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th May	Spring School – Full Ball Beginner/Advanced, plus Advanced Mini Green players
TBC	Lytham Club Day Weekend
Sun 5 th July	Mini Tennis Red & Orange Tournament (AM) (juniors aged 8 and under – up to Year 3/4)
Sat 12 th July	Mini Tennis Green Tournament (juniors aged 10 up to & including Year 5)
Mon 27 th July – Fri 31 st July	Summer School - Tiny Tennis (am)
Mon 27 th July – Fri 31 st July	Summer School – Team Training (pm)
Mon 3 rd Aug – Fri 7 th Aug	Summer School – Full Ball Beginner/Advanced, plus Advanced Mini Green players
Mon 10 th Aug – Fri 14 th Aug	Summer School – Mini Tennis
Mon 17 th Aug – Fri 21 st Aug	Summer School – Mini Tennis
Mon 24 th Aug – Thurs 27 th Aug	Summer School – Full Ball Beginner/Advanced, plus Advanced Mini Green players
Sat 5 th Sept (all day) & Sun 6 th Sept (am)	Junior Tournament weekend, Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles all age groups years 11+
Mon 26 th Oct – Fri 30 th Oct	Autumn School – Mini Tennis
Sat 5 th December	Christmas Party & Junior fun event (PM)

Please note that some dates may change and additional events may be planned. Check the LythamTennisClub.com website and/or give us your e-mail address to stay informed.

Please see the club newsletter for details of all the adult competitions, match practices and social events.



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JUNIOR APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM **1 APRIL 2020– 31 MARCH 2021**

In order to provide a safe Club for all our Junior members and to keep you up to date with Club activities we require that all Junior members complete the following :

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address

Post Code:

Contact numbers -

Home

Mobile:

Email address:

Name of Parent or Guardian:

Contact number:

Home:

Mobile:

Address (if different from above):

Email address of Parent / Guardian:

Do you have any special needs, allergies or medical condition? If " Yes" then please give details.

JUNIOR MEMBER DECLARATION (essential if the applicant is 12 or over)

I agree to abide by the Junior Code of Conduct (see attached)

Junior Members Signature

Date:

PARENT / GUARDIAN DECLARATION (essential if the applicant is under 16 years of age)

By signing this I agree to my child taking part in the general activities of the Club. My child has agreed to abide by the Junior Code of Practice and I agree to accept the Code of Conduct for parents. (see attached)

All special needs, allergies and medical conditions are noted above and I agree to notify the Club of any changes to this information.

Parent / Guardian Signature :

Date:

Junior Subscription £70

For existing members subtract the joining fee of £15

I enclose cash / cheque payable to Lytham Tennis Club for the sum of _____

Please return to : Linda Clayton, 9 Burns Avenue, Lytham, FY8 5BS

Does your child(ren) have any tennis coaching qualification(s)?

YES NO

Does your child(ren) have experience in tennis and school matches/competitions?

YES NO

I do/do not want the details of this form to be sent to the Lawn Tennis Association/to join as a British Tennis Member.

I do/do not give permission for photos of my child(ren) to be taken during play to be published by the Club.

How did you find out about Lytham Tennis Club?

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS

Lytham Tennis Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The Club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the Club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they have about any aspect of the Club with the Welfare Officer whose contact details are shown below:

As a Junior member of Lytham Tennis Club you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

The club cannot guarantee that there will be adult supervision at any one time and therefore all Junior members of school year 4 and under must be accompanied by another responsible member over the age of 14.

The mini tennis courts are available for junior members under the age of 8 under supervision.

All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.

Members should keep to agreed timings for coaching and competitions, or inform the appropriate person if they are going to be late.

Members must wear suitable tennis clothing and footwear at all times when playing tennis.

Members must respect players on other courts. Crossing courts when other matches are in play, shouting and making excessively loud noises will distract other players..

Members must respect the condition of the courts and equipment. Playing on wet or damp grass courts will result in damage to the grass and can be dangerous as it may lead to slips and falls. Slackening the net at the end of play will help to extend its life.

Members must pay subscriptions, coaching and match fees promptly.

Junior members are not allowed to smoke on Club premises or when representing the Club.

Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the Club premises or when representing the Club.

Welfare Officer : Helen Rowe 07950 006923

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CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

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As a parent or guardian of a junior member of Lytham Tennis Club you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis, practice with other juniors and if you are a member of the Club then play with them.

Discourage unfair play and arguing with decisions.

Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.

Never force your child to take part in sport.

Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performance of all.

Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.

Publicly accept judgements made by officials.

Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.

Use correct and proper language at all times.

Allow your child to play in the mini Tennis colour stage that is appropriate to them. This will ensure that they enjoy playing the game, develop skills and gain confidence.

Purchase balls and rackets that match the stage your child is in.

Be patient. Steady progress is unusual in children: peaks and plateaus are common.

Your first question following any match should be "Did you enjoy it?" not "Did you win?"

At no stage should you communicate with your child or interfere with on-court helpers and officials during a match – just enjoy the game and let the officials take care of the rules !

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